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RE: Request for Extension of Time

Fixed Wireless Holdings, LLC Transition of the 2500-2690 MHz Band for BRS and EBS Transition Area: BTA Number 36: Bellingham, WA

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 31, 2008, Fixed Wireless Holdings, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Clearwire Corporation (together "Clearwire"), filed a Request for Extension of Time to complete the Transition for BTA Number 36: Bellingham, Washington. This letter is being filed to confirm that Clearwire has served a copy of that Request for Extension on the one party listed in the original November 2, 2006 Transition Initiation Plan:

B036, Nextel Spectrum Acquisition Corp

If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned at (202) 330-4011 or at <a href="mailto:nadja.sodoswallace@clearwire.com">nadja.sodoswallace@clearwire.com</a>.

Sincerely,

Madja S. Sodos-Wallace

cc: John Schauble Lynn Ratnavale

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 2, 2006, Fixed Wireless Holdings, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Clearwire Corporation (together "Clearwire"), filed its Transition Initiation Plan for BTA Number 36: Bellingham, Washington. Pursuant to the Commission's Rules, that Transition is supposed to be completed by August 1, 2008. Due to unanticipated delays associated with international coordination which are beyond Clearwire's control, Clearwire hereby requests an additional six months in which to complete that Transition.

Clearwire has been diligently working on completing this Transition since it was initiated. It obtained all of the information required under the Commission's Rules through research of the Commission's databases and through data provided by EBS licenses in response to Clearwire's Pre-Transition Data Request. On November 2, 2006, Clearwire filed its Transition Initiation Plan with the Commission and sent its Transition Notice to all of the licensees in the BTA, as required under the rules. Clearwire then prepared its Transition Plan and on December 27, 2006, Clearwire sent the Plan out to all 2.5 GHz licensees within the Bellingham BTA. It received no counter proposals. Clearwire performed a frequency scan to confirm what was operating on the 2.5 GHz spectrum within the BTA, and found nothing out of the ordinary. It then proceeded with the Transition.

As the Commission is aware, the Bellingham BTA borders Canada. Due to the proximity of the Bellingham BTA to the international border, and given the fact that the FCC's transition rules do not make clear what the process is for dealing with international borders and international operators with respect to the Transition process, Clearwire had discussions with staff to determine what was necessary. After those discussions with staff, Clearwire determined that it was necessary to reach out to the Canadian operators in the 2.5 GHz band to obtain their consent

to the Transition. Clearwire then proceeded to contact the relevant Canadian operators in order to obtain their consent to the Transition. That process has taken substantially longer than expected. First, Clearwire had to determine which Canadian licensees operated in and around Bellingham. It then had to determine the proper personnel authorized to grant such consent on behalf of those Canadian operators, and explain to them what was required and what the Transition process was and what it entailed. It took longer than expected to be put in contact with the proper individuals, and thus, the consent process remains ongoing. Clearwire is currently in joint engineering discussions with one of the Canadian operators and expects to be in similar discussions with the other next week. Clearwire has high hopes that the consents will be obtained in the very near future, but out of an abundance of caution, because obtaining these consents is not something Clearwire can unilaterally complete, in the interest of only requesting one Transition extension, Clearwire respectfully asks for an additional six months to complete the Transition process and to file its Transition Completion notice.

If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned at (202) 330-4011 or at nadja.sodoswallace@clearwire.com.

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